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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7534

BILL NUMBER: HB 1964

DATE PREPARED: Jan 2, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Sex Offender Registry.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: *Sex Offender Registry-* This bill requires that a recent photograph and home address of individuals convicted of certain sex offenses and other crimes be included in publications of the Sex and Violent Offender Registry.

Local Registration- It requires a local law enforcement authority to publish a photograph of an offender on an Internet site maintained by or for the local law enforcement authority. It requires a local law enforcement authority to request permission to publish a photograph of an offender in a local periodical and broadcast a photograph on a local television station.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Sex Offender Registry-* The Criminal Justice Institute would experience an increase in expenses due to this provision of the bill.

Photograph and Home Address of Offender: Under current Indiana law, the Institute is not required to publish on its registry: 1) a recent photograph of the offender; or 2) the home address of the offender. The Institute would be required to do so in light of this bill. (Currently, the Institute publishes the name and offense of the offender, as well as other related items.)

In order to provide a photograph and the home address of the offender to Access Indiana for Internet posting, the Institute would be required to enhance its existing database in which it stores sex offender information. The specific cost is currently indeterminable and could possibly require the help of outside contractors. Although the enhancement of the Institute's database could possibly require certain contractual expenses, the scanning of photographs for incorporation into the Institute's database would be less expensive and could likely be accomplished with a basic office printer/scanner/copier.

This portion of the fiscal note will be updated as new information regarding contractual services becomes available.

Background: The Institute reports that, currently, there are approximately 11,000 entries on the Registry.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Local Registration-* Local law enforcement agencies would experience an increase in administrative expenses due to this provision of the bill.

Under current Indiana law, local law enforcement agencies are required to report sex offender registrations to the Institute for dissemination to the public via Access Indiana. (In addition, the Institute makes available paper copies of the Registry to the following entities: 1) school corporations; 2) nonpublic schools; 3) various state agencies; and 4) certain child care facilities.)

Local law enforcement agencies would be required to publish a photograph of an offender on an Internet site that is maintained by or for the local law enforcement agency. In addition, local law enforcement agencies would be required to notify local media and request that a photograph of the offender be published in a local periodical and broadcast on a local television station. (Local law enforcement officials would also be required to accept recent photographs of offenders to process and deliver to the Institute.)

The specific effects of this portion of the bill are currently indeterminable, and would vary between local law enforcement agencies.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Criminal Justice Institute.

Local Agencies Affected: Law Enforcement Agencies, School Corporations.

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